

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to eliminate any multiple dependent claims and to place the application in better U.S. form for prosecution.

Applicants therefore respectfully request examination of the above-referenced application, as now amended.

No fees are considered to be due; however, if it is determined that payment of a fee is required, please charge our deposit account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

A marked-up version of the amendments are shown below showing additions with underlining and deletions between brackets.

In the Specification:

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The replacement paragraph on page 2, line 23, through page 3 line 4, is as follows:

A device for distributing materials in bulk according to the invention comprises a suspension rotor and a chute located below the suspension rotor. This chute is provided with two lateral suspension arms extending upwards where they are [Each suspension arm is connected to the] connected to the suspension rotor so as to define a roughly horizontal pivoting axis for the chute on the suspension rotor. The device also comprises a driving mechanism for producing a pivoting torque capable of pivoting the chute about its pivoting axis. A cylindrical suspension pin is associated with each suspension arm for pivotably connecting it to the suspension rotor. Each of these two cylindrical suspension pins is arranged in a retractable manner in a bearing of the suspension rotor. A control lever is connected to the suspension rotor by means of an articulated joint. The driving mechanism is connected to this control lever to transmit to the latter the pivoting torque. In order to transmit this pivoting torque to a suspension arm, the control lever is provided with a stop, which comes into contact with a counterstop provided on the respective suspension arm. The stop and counterstop are moreover designed in such a way that they can be disengaged by a translation movement of the two suspension arms after withdrawing the cylindrical suspension pins for removal of the chute. It should be appreciated that this device is distinguished by a very simple and very compact suspension of the chute, which enables large pivoting torques to be transmitted to the chute, while ensuring easy removal and installation of the chute.

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The replacement paragraph on page 4, lines 9-14, is as follows:

[Each of the two suspensions shafts is preferably mounted in an easily removable way in a housing in the suspension rotor.] In order to facilitate the installation and removal of the suspension pins, each of the two suspension arms of the chute advantageously comprises an oblong hole for the passage of its suspension pin, so that the two suspension pins can be freed by raising the chute.